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1. IN TUNISIA THERE ARE NO DATES CELEBRATED BY
DISSIDENT OR LEFTIST ELEMENTS. HOWEVER, DURING FIRST
WEEK OF FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR THERE ARE GENERALLY STUDENT
DISTURBANCES.

2. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF TUNISIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAYS:

JANUARY 2 MUSLIM NEW YEAR
JANUARY 18 REMEMBRANCE DAY
MARCH 13 MOULED (RELIGIOUS)
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MARCH 20 TUNISIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

APRIL 9 MARTYRS' DAY
MAY 1 TUNISIAN LABOR DAY
JUNE 1 VICTORY DAY
JULY 25 REPUBLIC DAY
AUGUST 3 PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY
AUGUST 13 WOMEN'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 3 COMMEMORATION OF 9/3/34
SEPTEMBER 25 AID SEGHIR (RELIGIOUS)
OCTOBER 15 EVACUATION OF BIZERTE
DECEMBER 1 AID EL KEBIR (RELIGIOUS)

3. ALL DEMONSTRATIONS IN LIBYA ARE SPONSORED, ORGANIZED,
AND CONTROLLED BY LARG. THEY INVARIABLY CONTAIN ELEMENTS
OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA, AND THEREFORE THERE IS
INHERENT POSSIBILITY ANY ONE OF THEM COULD DEGENERATE
INTO ATTACK ON U.S. EMBASSY.

4. WHILE ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS ARE IN EVIDENCE IN THESE
FREQUENT DEMONSTRATIONS ONLY TWO DATES HAVE GREATEST
POTENTIAL FOR ANTI-AMERICAN ACTION. THEY ARE "DEPARTURE
OF U.S. FORCES DAY" ON JUNE 11 AND LIBYAN NATIONAL DAY
ON SEPTEMBER 1 (ANNIVERSARY OF QADHAFI'S COUP). WHILE
LARG DEMONSTRATIONS ARE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED, VIOLENCE DOES
OCCUR, WHETHER DELIBERATELY PLANNED AS MOB ATTACK
ON SUDANESE EMBASSY THIS MONTH, OR ACCIDENTALLY AS IN
JUNE SHOOTING BY POLICE OF DEMONSTRATOR ATTACKING SYRIAN
RELATIONS OFFICE. RIOT POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR U.S. EMBASSY
IN VIRTUALLY EVERY ONE OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS THAT OCCUR
ALMOST BIWEEKLY TO PROTEST SOME ASPECT OF ME POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENTS AND BLAME U.S. AS CAUSE.

5. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF LAR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS:

JANUARY 2 MUSLIM NEW YEAR (RELIGIOUS)
JANUARY 11 ASHURA (RELIGIOUS)
MARCH 8 SYRIAN NATIONAL DAY
MARCH 14 PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY (RELIGIOUS)
MARCH 28 DEPARTURE BRITISH FORCES
MAY 25 AFRICAN UNITY DAY
JUNE 11 DEPARTURE U.S. FORCES
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JUNE 23 EGYPTIAN NATIONAL DAY
JULY 24 AL-ISRA'WAL-MI'RAJ (RELIGIOUS)
AUGUST 10 NISF SHA'BAN (RELIGIOUS)
SEPTEMBER 1 LIBYAN NATIONAL DAY
SEPTEMBER 25-27 ID AL FITR (RELIGIOUS)
OCTOBER 7 DEPARTURE ITALIANS
DECEMBER 1-4 ID AL-ADHA (RELIGIOUS)
DECEMBER 22 MUSLIM NEW YEAR (RELIGIOUS)

6. THE DATES FOR TUNISIAN AND LIBYAN RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS
ARE BASED ON THE LUNAR CALENDAR AND CHANGE
EACH YEAR.
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